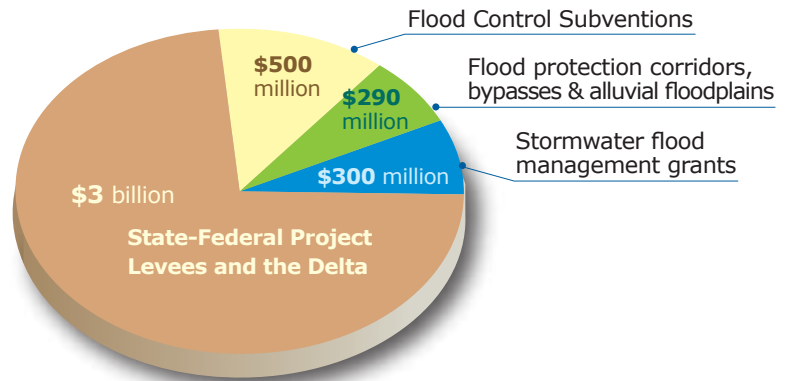


Governor Schwarzenegger's Strategic Growth Plan: Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006



Flood Protection

The Strategic Growth Plan levee proposal authorizes a \$4.09 billion general obligation bond on the November 2006 ballot to pay for levee repairs and improvements, upgrade flood protection for urban areas, improve emergency response capabilities, and provide grants for stormwater flood management projects.



State-Federal Project Levees and the Delta	\$3 billion
Flood Control Subventions	\$500 million
Flood Protection Corridors, Bypasses and Mapping	\$290 million
Stormwater Flood Management Grants	\$300 million
TOTAL	\$4.09 billion

Highlights

- Repair and improve levees and other flood control facilities in the Central Valley and Delta
- Leverage federal and state dollars for flood protection and disaster preparedness
- Improve flood protection for urban areas
- Assistance for Delta Levee Subventions and special flood control projects to reduce the risk of Delta levee failure.
- Fully fund backlog of state's share of flood control projects and fund future activities
- Create new levees, construct and preserve setback levees, flood corridors, and bypasses
- Remapping flood hazards and alluvial fan floodplains
- Grants to local entities for storm water runoff projects

Floods Impact All Californians

- Loss of life and property
- Economic consequences
- Delta levee failures could disrupt water supply to 23 million Californians in the Bay Area, Central and Southern California.
- The state is liable for flood damages caused by levee failures, so all taxpayers foot the bill for these disasters.

Governor Schwarzenegger's Record of Leadership on Flood Management Issues

Governor Schwarzenegger has provided strong leadership on flood management issues – recognizing the need to invest more in our flood systems, levees, emergency response capabilities and disaster preparedness to better protect lives and property.

- In response to the first major flood emergency of his Administration at Jones Tract in the Delta in June 2004, the Governor committed state resources to immediately repair the levee break, protect lives and property, and ensure the integrity of the water deliveries from the Delta to the Bay Area and southern California.
- On January 10, 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger issued a 'call to action' with the release of a comprehensive Flood White Paper. The report detailed serious challenges facing our existing flood control system and outlined a bold plan to make improvements.
- In his 2005-06 budget, the Governor increased the state's flood management budget by more than \$9 million, a 70 percent increase. The proposed 2006-07 budget contains an additional 87 percent increase for better flood management, emergency response, and updated floodplain maps.
- Last year, the Governor signed AB 1200 (Laird, D-Santa Cruz) that directs DWR and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to study island subsidence, floods, earthquakes in the Delta, and SB 264 (Machado, D-Linden) which extends the Delta Levee Subventions Program for two years. These are important steps to improve Delta flood control efforts.
- The Administration is sponsoring legislation this year to make essential reforms to the state's flood management system, including updated flood maps, better notice to residents about flood risks, and a comprehensive evaluation of the Central Valley levee system.
- Under the Governor's leadership, DWR is taking the lead with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DFG to complete the Delta Risk Management Strategy. This two-year, \$6 million effort will better quantify the risks associated with the Delta's fragile levee system and develop risk reduction strategies.
- In January 2006, the Governor proposed a comprehensive Strategic Growth Plan, calling for major new investments in the flood management system.
- Working with Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressmen Richard Pombo and Dan Lungren, the Schwarzenegger Administration intensified efforts to obtain more funding for critical California levees, especially in the Delta and Central Valley. This effort produced \$40.9 million in federal funds to begin strengthening California levees and flood control systems.
- In February 2006, the Governor and Senator Dianne Feinstein led a Congressional delegation on an aerial tour of weak points along Central Valley levees and pledged to work together to obtain more federal funding for flood control needs. Two days later, the Governor declared a state of emergency for the California levee system due to the catastrophic risk to life, property, and commerce. Additional state resources have been provided to fast-track the repair of 24 critical erosion sites.
- During the April 2006 flood fights, the Governor directed the Department of Water Resources to take unprecedented advance emergency measures to protect vulnerable levees and prevent flooding in many at-risk San Joaquin Valley communities
- Governor Schwarzenegger and the Bush Administration finalized an agreement that provides an expedited permitting process to fix critical levee sites by the end of the year.
- On May 5, 2006, the California Legislature approved the largest infrastructure package in state history. The plan includes a proposed \$4.09 billion bond to repair levees and improve flood control systems.

Leadership and responsible planning are keys to protecting Californians from dangerous floods. Governor Schwarzenegger has been at the forefront of efforts to develop a comprehensive, well-funded and sustained flood management plan that will help ensure the continued vitality of our economy, the well-being of our communities, and more safety for our people.